State of California - Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Branch

OPERATIONS BULLETIN #39

Subject: Chock Block Use and Policy

PURPOSE:

This instruction is to provide clear direction and policy for use of chock blocks when parking OES Fire & Rescue apparatus.

Guidelines:

- All OES Fire & Rescue apparatus shall be equipped with the correct number of chock blocks in the appropriate design and equally matched by vehicle size and/or weight in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- Each individual operator of OES Fire & Rescue apparatus has the primary responsibility to park his/her vehicle in a safe manner and ensure proper use of chock blocks as indicated in the following conditions;

INSTRUCTIONS:

Conditions	Placement of Chock Blocks	# Chalks Required
Parked inside a garage or station apparatus garage.	No chock required. However an alternate chocking device approved by the Chief or designee, may be used. Such alternate chocking devices shall be constructed of material and/or design to adequately sustain the vehicle against movement in the event of a brake system failure.	As Needed
Parked on a Level Surface.	One Block in front and one block in back of the left (drivers side) outside rear wheel.	2
Parked on any non- level or unsafe surface condition, where a potential of roll away may occur.	Each outside rear wheel will be chocked on the down-slope side.	2

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